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287(g) ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY, TOWN OF HERNDON *June, July 2007 Efforts Reported*

Herndon, VA (September 7, 2007) – Herndon Police Chief Toussaint E. Summers, Jr., today announced initial enforcement results of the department's participation in the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) 287(g) program, authorizing selected officers to enforce certain immigration laws.

According to Summers, for the months of June and July, 2007 – the first full months of 287(g) participation, following officer training in late spring – 19 contacts were made in accordance with the program; in each of these cases, investigations were conducted that resulted in the creation of ICE 287(g) report classifications. All contacts were made in the course of officers' normal duties.

Of these investigations, 13 resulted in detainees; detained individuals are held in the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and eventually processed through the federal court system. Upon incarceration, individuals are no longer under the Herndon Police Department's authority, and final disposition is conducted under the purview of ICE.

“Based on these initial results, the program is doing exactly what it is designed to do – giving our officers another tool in their efforts to remove criminal illegal aliens from our community,” said Summers.

Future 287(g) enforcement results will be incorporated into the department’s monthly report on crime statistics, said Summers. Updated reports are posted on the Town Services/Police page of the Town of Herndon website at www.herndon-va.gov.

The Town of Herndon was incorporated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 14, 1879. Located in western Fairfax County, Herndon is the 3rd largest town in the Commonwealth and is home to more than 23,000 citizens. Businesses located within the Town of Herndon, which range from high tech enterprises to entrepreneurially-owned establishments, employ approximately 23,500 people. In 2006, Herndon was named one of the “best affordable suburbs” in the nation by *Business Week* Magazine.

For more information, visit the Town’s website at www.herndon-va.gov.

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